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1. EGYPTIAN PRESS JULY 26 REPORTS CALM PREVAILING ALONG

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EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN BORDER FOLLOWING FOUR DAYS OF FIGHTING.  
ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE LEFT ALEXANDRIA AFTER 18  
HOUR VISIT, WHICH INCLUDED 6-1/2 HOURS OF INTENSIVE  
DISCUSSIONS WITH SADAT ON EGYPTIAN/LIBYAN SITUATION.  
OBVIOUSLY INSPIRED PRESS ACCOUNTS SAY SADAT  
STRESSED TO BOUMEDIENE FACT THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY  
ACTION WAS PURELY REACTIVE AND CAME IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED

LIBYAN AGGRESSIONS. SADAT REPORTEDLY DETAILED TO AL-GERIAN LEADER LONG LIST OF ALLEGED LIBYAN ACTS OF SABOTAGE WITHIN EGYPT.

2. KUWAITI FONMIN SABAH AL-AHMED ALSO MET WITH SADAT JULY 25, GIVING HIM PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM KUWAITI RULER. FONMIN DEPARTED EGYPT AFTERNOON JULY 25 FOR TRIPOLI.

3. PAPERS REPORT IRAQ AND NORTHERN YEMEN HAVE JOINED LIST OF ARAB COUNTRIES APPEALING TO EGYPT AND LIBYA TO HALT CLASHES, WHILE SAUDI DELEGATE AT JULY 25 ARAB LEAGUE AMBASSADORS MEETING CALLED FOR EXERTED EFFORT SETTLE DISPUTE.

4. PRESS NOTES AIRLINES AT CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED NOT TO CARRY ANY PASSENGERS DESTINED FOR LIBYA. UNCLEAR HOW THIS DIRECTIVE TO BE CARRIED OUT; AIRLINES APPARENTLY ORDERED ENFORCE IT THEMSELVES.

5. PRESS ALSO CARRIES ACCOUNT, ATTRIBUTED TO NEW YORK TIMES, TO EFFECT THREE SOVIETS KILLED IN EGYPTIAN AIR ATTACK ON TOBRUK RADAR STATEION, AND SOVIET COMMANDER WOUNDED. PAPERS SAY RUSSIAN INVOLVEMENT DEMONSTRATES FACT THAT LIBYAN LEADERSHIP HAS GRANTED SOVIETS FULL LIBERTY OPERATE WITHIN LIBYAN TERRITORY.

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6. SHARING FRONT PAGE SPACE FOR PAST THREE DAYS WITH REPORTS ON LIBYAN CONFRONTATION HAVE BEEN MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATIONS TO SADAT, FROM MULTITUDE OF FOREIGN LEADERS, ON OCCASION 25TH ANNIVERSARY EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION. VISUAL IMPACT HAS BEEN ONE OF AN EGYPT WHICH ENJOYS BROAD ARRAY INTERNTAIONAL SUPPORT.

7. TAKFIR INDICTMENTS NOW SCHEDULED TO BE HANDED DOWN NEXT WEEK. GIVEN ALLEGATIONS OF LIBYAN BACKING FOR TERRORIST ORGANIZATION, THIS COULD TURN INTO SHOW TRIAL OF QADHAFI PERFIDIES.

8. PAPERS HAVE CONTINUED VITRIOLIC EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON QADHAFI, "THE MANIAC OF LIBYA" (AKHBAR). PAPER ACCUSES QADHAFI OF TRYING TO ESCALATE CRISIS, EVEN AFTER SADAT IMPLEMENTED CEASE-FIRE. CEASE-FIRE, AKHBAR ALLEGES, OBSERVED ONLY BY EGYPTIAN SIDE. PAPER CALLS QADHAFI "PUPPET CARRYING OUT ORDERS OF HIS SOVIET MASTER... FOR WHOMEHE HAS TURNED LIBYA INTO A DUMP FOR ARMS AND EXPERTS WHOSE DESIGN IS TO THREATEN EGYPT, SUDAN, TUNISIA, CHAD, ERITREA AND SOMALIA." RHETORICALLY, AKHBAR ASKS IF QADHAFI HAS BEEN CHASTISED? WILL HE STOP AT THIS? PAPER CONCLUDES

"GOD WILL NOT RELIEVE THE ARABS AND EGYPT AND LIBYA  
EXCEPT WHEN THIS LIBYAN MANIAC DISAPPEARS."

9. GUMHURIYYA AND AHRAM, IN SOMEWHAT LOWER KEY, EDITOR-  
IALIZE ON DEFENSE NATURE EGYPTIAN REACTION TO QADHAFI'S  
AGGRESSION, NOTING LACK OF ANY EGYPTIAN TERRITORIAL DESIGNS  
ON LIBYAN OR, INDEED, OF ANY DESIRE IMPOSE CHANGE IN  
LIBYAN LEADERSHIP.

10. COMMENT: CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD SUGGEST SADAT  
HAS YET TO CONVINCE HIS OWN PUBLIC THAT EGYPTIAN MILITARY  
MOVES WERE REPRISAL AGAINST LIBYAN AGGRESSION. FACT  
THAT IT WAS LIBYAN APC'S WHICH CROSSED EGYPTIAN BORDER  
ON JULY 19 HAS BEEN BURIED IN MASS OF ANTI-QADHAFI  
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RHETORIC. VERY FEW OF OUR CONTACTS ARE EVEN AWARE OF  
JULY 19 INCIDENT, WHICH WAS NOT REPORTED UNTIL TWO DAYS  
LATER. EGYPTIANS MAY BE IN SOMETHING OF QUANDRY IN  
ATTEMPTING EXPLOIT THIS ISSUE SINCE, WHILE WANTING TO  
CAST BLAME ON QADHAFI FOR INITIATING HOSTILITIES, ARE  
RELUCTANT TO ADMIT THEY CAUGHT BY SURPRISE.

1. ALTHOUGH QADHAFI HAS FEW SUPPORTERS HERE, MOST  
EGYPTIAN TAKE LITTLE PLEASURE IN ARABS KILLING ARABS.  
EDITORIALISTS REFLECT THIS AS WELL, BUT ATTEMPT LAY  
BLAME SQUARELY ON QADHAFI. OFFICIALS ARE, AT LEAST TO  
LOCAL JOURNALISTS, PLAYING UP THREAT THAT SOVIET-BACKED  
LIBYAN POSES TO REGIONAL STABILITY AND PLAYING DOWN  
"TEACH QADHAFI A LESSON" THEME.  
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